

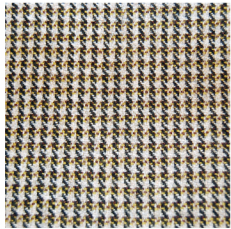
# FRIENDS OF GUISACHAN ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

On August, 10, 2014, the life-size bronze statue of a Golden Retriever was unveiled in Tomich, Inverness-shire on historic Guisachan land for which we have a 99 year fully paid lease. Ceremonies included a bagpiper, the President and Clan leader of the Marjoribanks Clan, of which Lord Tweedmouth was a member, and a representative of the Fraser Clan, the Fraser family having owned Guisachan land since the 14th century. Approximately 100 Golden Retrievers and their owners paraded through the village for the ceremonies. The President of the Friends of Guisachan also was in attendance as was the Chair of the Scottish Golden Retriever Club. The event drew coverage by a BBC reporter and photographer and all major Scottish newspapers covered the story.



In August, 2014, the Guisachan Tweed arrived from the Johnson Mills in Elgin, Scotland and was immediately placed in the hands of two seamstresses who proceeded to make tweed items for sale on the newly created Friends of Guisachan on-line store and in anticipation of the Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty.



On October 16, 2014 FOG received official notice that it had been granted 501 c 3 status by the US Internal Revenue Service



In March, 2015, a contract was signed with the Maine Highland Games for FOG to have a booth at this August 15, 2015 event.. This is an effort to extend our outreach to new audiences.

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In April, 2015 A Walking Guide to Historic Guisachan flyer was published in Scotland and distributed to the three Tomich hotels by the President of the Scottish Golden Retriever Club. The hotels have reported that this flyer has been very well received.



In April, the statue site was landscaped with a drainage ditch to direct water from the hillside to the roadway ditch below. A wooden bridge was erected to permit visitors to walk up to the site for photos and plantings appropriate to the climate were put in place.



On June 12th FOG had a booth at the Yankee Golden Retriever Club Specialty Show.



The Friends of Guisachan closed out its fiscal year June 30th with a balance of \$4,345.

These funds will be used for additional educational projects, for seamstresses fees as more items are made for the Highland Games and the 2015 GRCA National. They also will be used for the obligatory liability insurance on the statue, insurance on the statue itself, and site landscape maintenance.